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SUBJ: REVIEW OF CCMS PROJECTS WITH GOT

1. US CCMS COORDINATOR AND EMBOFF CALLED ON OFFICIALS
IN MIISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, TRANSPORTATION COORDINATION
ADMINISTRATION, SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL RESEARCH
ASSOCIATION (TUBITAK), AND MINERAL RESEARCH AND EXPLORATION
INSTITUTE (MTA) TO REVIEW THE STATUS OF TURKISH PARTICIPATION
IN CURRENT CCMS PROJECTS AND GOT INTEREST IN NEW PROJECTS.
WITH THE RECENT APPOINTMENT OF A MINISTER OF STATE AND
VICE PRIME MINISTER (DR. FARUK SUKAN) WITH RE-
SPONSIBILITY FOR POLICIES IN THE ENVIRONMENTAL AREA,
GOT OFFICIALS INDICATED DESIRE FOR MORE ACTIVE PARTICIPATION
IN CCMS PILOT STUDIES AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION
IN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY. MOST PEOPLE CONTACTED PREFACED
THEIR REMARKS WITH COMMENTS TO THE EFFECT THAT GOT WOULD
LIKE TO TAKE GREATER ADVANTAGE OF AVENUES FOR R & D
COOPERATION WITHIN NATO.

2. SEISMOLOGY. GOT OFFICIALS EXPRESSED REGRET AT NOT
BEING ABLE TO ATTEND FIRST PILOT STUDY MEETING IN ITALY
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THIS MONTH, CITING THE LACK OF ADEQUATE LEAD TIME, BUT
STATED TURKEY WILL TAKE AN ACTIVE ROLE. SEVERAL WERE
RECEPTIVE TO THE IDEA THAT TURKEY MIGHT HOST THE PLANNED
JANUARY 1979 MEETING OF THE PILOT STUDY. MTA EXPERTS
APPEARED AMENABLE TO COLLABORATION WITHIN CCMS PILOT STUDY
IN BOTH WESTERN TURKEY, AS SUGGESTED BY UK REPRESENTATIVE
IN ITALY MEETING, AND IN NEW MIDDLE EAST TECHNICAL

UNIVERSITY SEISMIC OBSERVATORY.

3. AIR POLLUTIN. SITUATION IN ANKARA REMAINS VERY SERIOUS AND TUBITAK OFFICIALS WOULD LIKE VERY MUCH TO OBTAIN US ASSISTANCE IN MONITORING AND HEALTH EFFECTS STUDY, TO SUPPLEMENT SMALL WHO ASSISTANCE. (WARD WILL MAKE FULLER REPORT TO APPROPRIATE EPA AND HEW OFFICIALS UPON RETURN TO WASHINGTON.)

4. DRINKING WATER. GOT INTEREST IN THIS PROJECT REMAINS HIGH AND TURKEY LOOKS FORWARD TO HOSTING JANUARY 1979 PILOT STUDY MEETING IN IZMIR.

5. NEW PROJECTS. A NUMBER OF NEW PROJECT AREAS THAT WOULD BE OF INTEREST TO TURKEY WILL BE DISCUSSED IN SEPTTEL. SEVERAL OF THEM ARE APPROPRIATE FOR CCMS, BUT OTHERS WOULD BE BEST HANDLED BILATERALLY OR IN OTHER INTERNATIONAL FORA. DILLON

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